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1. HAVE CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS WITH HOTEL NACIONAL FOR US RECEPTION ON 22 SEPTEMBER FROM 1930 TO 2130 HOURS. INTERCONTINENTAL UNAVAILABLE BECAUSE SPACE PREVIOUSLY RESERVED. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING YOUR REQUEST FOR INFORMATION, BUT SCHEDULING CONFUSIONS MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND FINAL LOCATION UNTIL INTERCONTINENTAL CONFIRMED THEY HAD NO SPACE. HOTEL NACIONAL MANAGEMENT ASSURES THEY CAN PROVIDE EXCELLENT FACILITIES FOR RECEPTION, AND RECOMMEND PATIO AREA AROUND HOTEL'S POOL. SINCE ALL INTERIOR SPACE EITHER OCCUPIED OR DIVIDED UP INTO OFFICE SPACE FOR IAEA, WE BELIEVE PATIO AREA AT NACIONAL WOULD BE BEST CHOICE. HAVE CONSULTED WITH NATIONAL REGARDING DUTY FREE LIQUOR FROM CONSULATE AND THEY AMENABLE. BRAZILIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY HAS SENT CIRCULAR NOT TO DIPLOMATIC POSTS OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT IAEA INFORMING THEM THAT OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES WILL HAVE RIGHT USE DIPLOMATIC IMPORTATION FACILITIES. VERIFIED NOTE WITH RIO COORDINATOR UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR IAEA MEETING, COUNSELOR ERNESTO FERREIRA DE CARVALHO

(REF PARA 3), WHO SAID THAT USE OF DUTY FREE LIQUOR WAS MATTER TO BE WORKED OUT BETWEEN DIPLOMATIC MISSION AND LOCATION SPONSORING RECEPTION. NACIONAL'S PRICE FOR RECEPTION WITH HOT AND COLD HOURS D'OEUVRE SELECTION WOULD BE US\$9 PER PERSON. PATIO AREA WILL ACCOMMODATE APPROXIMATELY 350 PEOPLE. HOTEL LOBBY (APPROPRIATELY DECORATED) WILL HANDLE UP TO 2000 PEOPLE. HAVE FINAL SESSION WITH NACIONAL ON 26 AUGUST TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION. PLEASE ADVISE IF THESE ACCOMMODATIONS ACCEPTABLE.

- 2. CONFIRMED WITH NETHERLANDS COUNSUL GENERAL THAT EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES' RECEPTION WILL BE HELD ON 22 SEPTEMBER FROM 1900 TO 2100 HOURS AT HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL (NOT NACIONAL).
- 3. REGARDING REF PARA 6: PRICES AT NACIONAL AND INTERCONTINENTAL ARE COMPARABLE FOR LUNCH AND DINNER DEPENDING ON LOCATIONS SELECTED (I.E., HOTEL RESTAURANT MORE EXPENSIVE THAN COFFEE SHOP, ETC.) BOTH HOTELS FEEL THEY COULD PROVIDE TABLE SPACE FOR GROUPS OF 15,20 OR 25 PEOPLE ON ONE DAY'S NOTICE. LUNCH PRICES RUN FROM US\$4 (COFFE SHOPS) TO US\$7 (POOL SIDE BUFFET). DINNER PRICES RUN FROM US\$8 (POOL SIDE BUFFET) TO US\$20 (AT HOTEL RESTAURANTS). HOTEL INTERCONTINENTAL RECOMMENDED THEIR BUFFETS.

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